

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 247

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES**, on April 25, 2003 at
11:35 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Grimes, Chairman (R)
Rep. Mark Noennig, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Marian Collins, Secretary
Valencia Lane, Legislative Staff

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 247, 4/25/2003
Executive Action: AMEND FURTHER

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REP. HARRIS stated that the proposed amendment is an attempt to accommodate the Governor's concerns and do it in a way that is entirely constitutional.

EXHIBIT(frh88hb0247a01)

A lengthy discussion followed concerning wording of the amendment.

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. MANGAN** moved **ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT HB024702.agp**. Motion carried 5-1 with **SEN. McGEE** voting no by voice vote.

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Motion **SEN. MANGAN** moved **ADOPTION OF THE BILL AS AMENDED**.

Discussion: **SEN. McGEE** expressed his concern about the terms "aggressive solicitation" and "vagrancy" not being clearly defined. He feels a better approach might have been to specifically define these terms. **REP. LANGE** expressed the same concerns about the lack of clear definitions for these terms.

Vote: Motion carried 5-1 with **SEN. McGEE** voting no by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.

SEN. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman

MARIAN COLLINS, Secretary

DG/MC

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